

CLAIMS

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A voucher configured to assist in distinguishing unauthorized duplicate or counterfeit vouchers, the voucher comprising:

a substrate configured to be dispensed from a coin-counting machine;

a first indicia on the substrate; and

a thermally responsive second indicia on the substrate, at least one of the first indicia and the second indicia indicating a value of the voucher, wherein the second indicia is configured to become substantially non-visible in response to a change in ambient temperature.

9. (Original) The voucher of claim 8 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia includes thermo-chromic ink.

10. (Original) The voucher of claim 8 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia has an activation temperature of at least 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

11. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 8, further comprising a third indicia on the substrate, wherein the third indicia is at least partially obscured by the thermally responsive second indicia when a temperature of the second indicia is below an activation temperature, and wherein the third indicia is less obscured by the second indicia when the temperature of the second indicia is above the activation temperature.

12. (Original) The voucher of claim 8 further comprising a substantially non-visible mark on the substrate, wherein rubbing adjacent to the mark with an object will render the mark visible.

13–21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A voucher configured to assist in distinguishing unauthorized duplicate or counterfeit vouchers, the voucher comprising:

a substrate;

a first indicia on the substrate, the first indicia indicating a value of the voucher;

a thermally responsive second indicia on the substrate configured to change appearance in response to a change in ambient temperature, the second indicia being responsive at a temperature between 75 and 98 degrees Fahrenheit;

a plurality of perforations in the substrate defining a pattern; and

a substantially non-visible third indicia on the substrate, wherein rubbing adjacent to the third indicia with an object will render the third indicia visible.

23. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 22 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia includes thermo-chromic ink that becomes substantially non-visible at a temperature above 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

24. (Original) The voucher of claim 22 wherein the substrate includes thermal paper.

25. (Previously Presented) A voucher configured to assist in distinguishing unauthorized duplicate or counterfeit vouchers, the voucher comprising:

a substrate configured to be dispensed from a coin-counting machine, the substrate including at least a thermally responsive substrate portion configured to change appearance in response to a change in ambient temperature, the thermally responsive substrate portion having a first visible appearance at a first ambient temperature and a second, substantially non-visible appearance

at a second ambient temperature that is higher than the first ambient temperature; and
an indicia on the substrate.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Original) The voucher of claim 25 wherein the first visual appearance of the thermally responsive substrate portion is darker than the second visual appearance of the thermally responsive substrate portion, and wherein the second temperature is higher than the first temperature.

28. (Original) The voucher of claim 25 wherein the indicia is positioned adjacent to the thermally responsive substrate portion.

29. (Previously Presented) A voucher configured to assist in distinguishing unauthorized duplicate or counterfeit vouchers, the voucher comprising:

a substrate configured to be dispensed from a coin-counting machine;

a first indicia on the substrate; and

a second indicia on the substrate, the second indicia having a first visual appearance at a first ambient temperature and a second, substantially invisible appearance at a second ambient temperature that is higher than the first ambient temperature.

30. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture configured to assist in distinguishing unauthorized duplicate or counterfeit articles, the article comprising:

a flexible and elongate substrate usable in connection with a coin-counting machine and configured to receive a first indicia from a printer operatively connected to the coin-counting machine; and

a thermally responsive second indicia on the substrate, wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to substantially disappear in response to an increase in ambient temperature.

31. (Original) The article of claim 30, wherein the coin-counting machine is usable to provide a total value related to a plurality of randomly received coins, and wherein the first indicia is a value related to the total value.

32–44. (Cancelled)

45. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 8 wherein the substrate includes a first surface opposite a second surface, and wherein the first indicia is on the first surface and the second indicia is on the second surface.

46. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 8 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to respond to human touch.

47. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 8 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to respond to human breath.

48. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 22 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to respond to human touch.

49. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 22 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to respond to human breath.

50. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 25 wherein the thermally responsive substrate portion is configured to respond to human touch.

51. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 25 wherein the thermally responsive substrate portion is configured to respond to human breath.

52. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 29 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to respond to human touch.

53. (Previously Presented) The voucher of claim 29 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to respond to human breath.

54. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 30 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to respond to human touch.

55. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 30 wherein the thermally responsive second indicia is configured to respond to human breath.